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RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR 1.111

(IN RESPONSE TO THE OFFICE ACTION MAILED ON FEBRUARY 7, 2008)

This is a response to the Non-final Office action mailed February 7, 2008, which set a shortened statutory period for response of three (3) months. A timely response thus would have to be filed on or before May 7, 2008. Accordingly, this response is being filed within the set shortened statutory period. Reconsideration and withdrawal of all grounds of objection and rejection, in view of the amendment and the remarks herein, is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-13 were examined on the merit in the non-final Office action mailed February 2, 2008. With this Amendment, Claims 1-13 have been canceled. With this

Amendment, Claims 1-13 have been replaced with newly added claims 73-81. Upon the entry of this amendment, claims 14-81 are pending. Support for the amendment can be found in the present application. Accordingly, no question of new matter should arise, and entry of this amendment is respectfully requested.

Claims 14-81 are now pending in the application. Claims 14-72 have been withdrawn from consideration by the examiner as drawn to the non-elected invention. Applicants specifically reserve the right to file one or more divisional applications to the non-elected subject matter.

In the most recent Office action mailed on February 7, 2008, the Examiner has objected to claims 7, 10 and 11. In addition, the Examiner has rejected claims 7 and 8 under 35 USC 112, second paragraph as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicants regard as the invention.

In the same Office action mailed February 7, 2008, the Examiner has rejected claims 1-13 under 35 USC 103(a). The applicants submit the following amendments to address the Examiner's objections and to further particularly point out and distinctly claim the invention.

Amendment to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 12 of this paper.